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Applicant:	Francis Joseph Carr et al.)
Application No.	09/518,813)
Filed:	March 3, 2000))
For:	METHODS FOR PROTEIN SCREENING) Group Art Unit: 1639
Examiner:	Jon D. Epperson, Ph.D.) Atty. Docket No. MER-105

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated 28 January 2004 on the above-identified application. Reconsideration and entry of this amendment are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.